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Claims 8, 20, 26, 28-30 and 32-33 are in the application, with Claims 8 and 20 having been amended. Claims 8 and 20 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

It is believed that the above noted amendments to claims 8 and 20 have overcome the rejection under § 112.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 8, 20, 26, 28-30 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Buist (U.S. Patent No. 6,408,282 B1).

To overcome this rejection, the independent claims 8 and 20 have both been further narrowed by removing the phrase “a type and form of information to be displayed”, thereby removing that type of user preference from the list of user preferences of which one must be stored in the second intermediate component to satisfy the claims. In other words, as claims 8 and 20 are now presented, the second intermediate component must store user preferences as to either (i) a workspace layout, or (ii) a color scheme (or both). This limitation of claims 8 and 20 is not taught or suggested by the Buist reference.

In view of these claim amendments, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 8 and 20 should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

C O N C L U S I O N

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

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